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For: **IMMUNOLOGICALLY ACTIVE PEPTIDES WITH ALTERED
TOXICITY USEFUL FOR THE PREPARATION OF
ANTIPERTUSSIS VACCINE**

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply to Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2006 for the above-referenced patent application. An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the subject application as follows: